





GING ROOM







Assange gets appeal to stay out of States

A DATE has been set A DATE has been set for Julian Assange's final appeal against being extradited to the United States. The case will be heard in the High Court on February 20 and 21.

and 21.

Campaign groups immediately called for a protest outside the court and around the world on those days.

The two-day hearing may be the final chance for the WikiLeaks founder to prevent his extradition to the US,

extradition to the US, where he fears a sentence of 175 years. Assange has been detained in the high-security Belmarsh Prison in London since he was dragged out of the Ecuadorian embassy, arrested on a US extradition warrent.

US extradition warrant in April 2019. This will be his fifth Christmas in Belmarsh.

An application before the European Court of Human Rights remains a possibility.

Red Sea pirates force up prices

ATTACKS on commercial ships in the Red Sea risk pushing up the price of oil and other goods, analysts have warned. Several firms have

paused shipments through the route after vessels were attacked by Houthi rebels in Yemen.

The world's second largest shipping line, Maersk, said it will reroute vessels around

the Cape of Good Hope.
The disruption has led
the US to launch a naval operation to protect ships. Countries joining the security group include the UK, Canada, France, Bahrain and Norway

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This shit just got serious...

MUSICIANS from mighty ICELAND have demanded the country boycotts the Eurovision Song Contest unless Israel is banned

from taking part.
The Association of Composers and Lyricists of Iceland (FTT) says it wants the country's national broadcaster RUV to halt its participation in the show if Israel remains in the competition.

Hamas killed 1,200 people and kidnapped hundreds more in cross-border attacks on October 7.

Israel has since killed more than 18,800 Palestinians – according to

the health ministry in Gaza, which is controlled by terror gang Hamas. The FTT said: "We all have a

duty to take a stand against war and the killing of civilians and innocent children.

"We always have the choice not to put our name to such things, whether we are individuals or state institutions.

We owe it to the nations that act with military force to not share with them in an event that is always characterised by joy and optimism."

Iceland has seen relative

success in the contest in recent years, and many have suggested the country's Dadi Freyr would have won the 2020 contest, had it not been cancelled. Israel has also been a big winner

in Eurovision – a singing contest watched by homosexuals – coming first most recently in 2018, with the song Toy by Netta.

Pro-Palestinian activists and groups have also called for a boycott, while Ireland's RTE is also reported to have received hundreds of emails asking it to boycott next year's contest.





4,000 evacuate after Iceland volcano erupts

A VOLCANO has erupted on the Reykjanes peninsula of south-west Iceland after weeks of intense earthquake activity.
About 4,000 people were evacuated from the fishing town of

were evacuated from
the fishing town of
Grindavik and the Blue
Lagoon geothermal spa
was closed.
The eruption started
north of the town at
22:17, the Icelandic
Met Office said.
The region around
the capital Reykjavik
has been experiencing
an increase in
earthquake activity
since late October.
Images and videos on

Images and videos on social media showed lava bursting from the volcano just an hour after an earthquake swarm, or seismic

events, were detected.
A coastguard
helicopter has been
sent to the area to

sent to the area to confirm the exact size of the eruption.

The length of the crack in the volcano is about two miles, with the lava flowing at a rate of around 100 to 200 cubic yards per second, it added.

It is much bigger

It is much bigger than recent eruptions on the Reykjanes peninsula.

96 killed in China quake

AT least 96 people have died and hundreds more injured after an earthquake hit north-west

China yesterday. The quake struck in Gansu province just before midnight local time, damaging buildings both there and in the neighbouring province of Qinghai.
The European

Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC) had pegged the èarthquake at a magnitude 6.1.
The country's central

government has dispatched teams of rescue workers to help local teams. Chinese leader Xi

Jinping said: "All efforts should be made to carry out search and rescue, treat the injured in a



A WHITE Christmas is still 'technically speaking' very highly likely, the Met

Office has said.
Fresh hopes of snow on Christmas Day were raised as temperatures are set to drop to as low as -8C in northern Scotland towards this weekend.
The Met Office threshold for

The Met Office threshold for a White Christmas is met when at least one snowflake falls on December 25 anywhere in the UK.

in the UK.

The northern Pennines and the Scottish Highlands are the most likely to go white this year, with 2021 being the last

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year the technical definition was met.
But for a picturesque Christmas Day, Britons have to think back to 2010 – the year of the 'big freeze' – for the last time the festive season was created with widespread snow.

time the festive season was greeted with widespread snow. Met Office spokesperson Grahame Madge said that cold air was set to come in from the North and could even travel as far south as the Midlands.

But he added that Britons were unlikely to wake up to a blanket of snow on Christmas morning this year, with a

technical 'white Christmas' far

technical 'white Christmas' far more probable.

Matthew Lehnert, the Met Office's Chief Meteorologist said: "This weekend will be mild across the UK with high pressure in the south maintaining a settled theme. However, a slow-moving front will bring a spell of heavy rain to northwest Scotland."

Wind

But metmen have also warned we are all going to DIE in the run up to the big day. The Met Office issued a 'danger to life' warning for large swathes of the UK amid strong winds and wintry showers in the lead-up to

Christmas. Met Office Deputy Chief Meteorologist, Helen Caughey, said: "Wind speeds will increase from the northwestthrough.Wednesday northwestthrough Wednesday evening and overnight, so that by Thursday there is a risk of gusts of 50-60mph for a large swathe of central and northern parts of the UK.
"Coastal locations, higher ground, and areas to the east of high ground could see gusts of 70-80mph.
"Due to the scale of the low pressure to the north of the

Due to the scale of the low pressure to the north of the UK, it is possible this event could persist across some areas into Friday, so we recommend keeping up to date with the Met Office forecast."

TODAY'S WEATHER

GREY skies hold sway for the whole of the UK today with rain for northern and western areas.
Scotland will
see the worst of O the downpours but it will be mild. Temperatures of 10C in London and in Cardiff, 9C in Manchester, 10C in Ifast and 8C in Edinburgh.
It looks like more of the

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK SAT SUN FRI same tomorrow with widespread rain and thick cloud. Very windy

in the north.
Temperatures of 12C in London, 11C in Cardiff. 10C in Manchester, 11C in Belfast and 8C in Edinburgh. OUTLOOK: Wet.



TRANNY potter Grayson Perry has criticised EDF, saying the energy firm tried to raise his monthly electricity bill from £300 to £39,000.

Sir Grayson wrote on Twitter that the company had tried to take the inflated amount as a direct debit from his account. Other customers, including journalist Jon Sopel, reacted with similar stories.

EDF said "unusual"

direct debit changes could

meter readings were recorded on its system.

Sir Grayson said he had "out of the blue" received "about 15 bills" that

"about 15 bills" that added up to £39,000.

The Essex-born artist, who is known for his ceramics, said he was told they would deduct the money by direct debit for all bills on the same day.

"I just thought it was so bizarre. On Friday, I

spent about three hours at least trying to get some sense out of a call centre, but you're talking to a computer really, so it was

computer really, so it was very frustrating.

"They just would sort of say, 'well it says £39,000 – that's how much we're going to take."

A spokesman for EDF said: "Unusual changes to direct debit amounts can occur when there is an erroneous meter reading recorded on the system."





Mother killer sang as cops arrested him

arrested him

A LOON found lying naked on top of his decapitated mum sang: "Jesus loves me," as he was arrested, cops say.

As Sunday Sport reported this week, Jeffrey Surgent, 46 (above), called cops in Ocean County, New Jersey, about his mother's murder.

Responding police officers found Surgent – nude and covered in blood – in an apartment hallway on top of Alexandria Surgent's headless body, a few feet away from her severed head.

Surveillance footage shows Surgent dragging his mother into the hallway and lying on top of her body.

Now it's emerged he was arrested.

The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office said Surgent has a history of mental health issues.

He is being held in a medical facility as he faces a murder charge.



Strip off for better sleep

DESPITE the colder weather, ditching your pyjamas in favour of sleeping in the nuddy is better for you.

Sammy Margo, a physiotherapist for UK-based bedding site Dreams, said: "Your body temperature plays a crucial role in the timing of your sleep.

"It's linked to your circadian rhythm – the

circadian rhythm – the internal body clock which controls your sleep-wake cycle, and allowing your body to cool down – by sleeping naked - can signal to you that it's time to sleep."





Olivia loves her bigger Wonka bust

BRIT actress Olivia Colman has spoken about her villainous character in *Wonka* and praised the large fake boobs she got to wear for the role.

The 49-year-old (above) plays con artis

(above) plays con artist Mrs Scrubbit in the musical origin story, with her character forcing lead Timothée Chalamet's Willy

Wonka into an unfair life-long contract. Olivia talked about creating the look for

Olivia talked about creating the look for her character, and how she really appreciated the extra padding as the scenes were filmed during cold weather.

Olivia said: "I loved being a baddie. I didn't really enjoy physically shoving co-star Calah Lane around, but she was going, 'I'm fine, I'm cool with it. Just do it'. "But it is fun being a baddie and saying all the things you wouldn't normally say. I've just really enjoyed it.

"Mrs Scrubbit is a little bigger, so she had bigger bosoms and a bigger bosoms and a bigger bum, and she was really confident."

bigger bum, and she was really confident. I was so cosy with my extra boobs. I loved it!"

Fact me!

CHRISTMAS crackers were invented to encourage children (and their parents) to buy more sweets. London sweetmaker Tom Smith created the first Christmas crackers in 1847.

Twitch in move to ditch nudity

STREAMING platform STREAMING platform
Twitch has been forced
to abandon a loosening
of its policy on sexual
content as it led to a glut
of Al-generated nudity.
The platform – popular
with video gamers –
announced last week

that more adult content was to be allowed, as long as it was deemed to be "artistic" enough.

That prompted a torrent of digitally generated nudes, and the firm quickly moved to announce a U-turn.

"Upon reflection, we we have decided that we went too far with this change," CEO Dan Clancy said in a statement.

He added that some of the imagery that had

been allowed on the platform under the new guidelines was "met with community concern".

Mr Clancy added: "Moving forward, depictions of real or fictional nudity won't be allowed on Twitch, regardless of the medium."

Serial killer lured victims with treasure scam

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A SERIAL killer lured in his victims by telling them he needed their help digging up buried treasure in the wild, where he slaughtered

them and ransacked their bodies.
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Bradley was initially charged in May 2021 for allegedly killing and burying 44-year-old Brandi Blake at the Game Farm Park in Auburn, Washington state. While exhuming her body, authorities found nearby the remains of three others, which were later identified as Bradley's other victims – Emilio Maturin, 36, Michael Goeman, 59, and Goeman's 31-year-old son Vance Lakey.

All four were killed after they fell for Bradley's scheme, and shortly after each had come into a substantial amount of money, prosecutors allege.

Bradley reportedly told each he needed help digging up a stash of gold in the wooded area, killed them and pocketed their possessions they had on hand, as well as their cars, which he was seen driving in the days following their disappearances.

Maturin was first to vanish, with his girlfriend reporting him missing in September 2019, two weeks after he was last seen alive.

She told cops she overheard Bradley telling Maturin that "he needed help digging up some buried gold in Auburn," a suburb of Seattle.

Maturin followed his accused killer to the park in his brand new BMW and carrying heroin, meth, and £10,000 in cash, according to court documents.

Hours later. Auburn police found an unregistered BMW parked near a field at the park and waited for the driver to treturn. When they tried to stop the driver, the car took off. Bradley was held after a chase and charged with eluding police.

He then waited another two years to strike, but this time targeted two people. Goeman had received an inheritance shortly before he and his son were shot to death in March 2021, their bodies found on a small road not far from the park.

Brandi Blake (above) went missing just two months after the father-son pair and shortly after she won £15,000 at a casino.

Her body was found in a shallow grave.

Bradley, who is due to stand trial next month in Blake's death, now faces two counts of premeditat

second-degree murder and arson.

Wasted wind costs you £40

WASTED wind power added £40 to the average UK household's electricity annual bill this year, according to a think tank. And that figure could increase to £150 in 2026, Carbon Tracker has estimated.

When it's very windy, the grid can't handle the extra power generated – meaning wind farms are paid to switch off, gas-powered stations are paid to fire up, and the cost is passed on to consumers.







Hookers plying trade to dads on school run

DADS dropping kids off at school are being targeted by hookers. Families living in Holbeck, Leeds, claim prostitutes have been targeting wealthier clients who travel through the area in the morning on the school run. school run.

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As a result, they have been caught "falling off the kerb into the roads in front of families".

The area has been taken over by the drug-ravged sex workers who continue to offer their services, despite the toleration policy no longer being in place.

One vice girl said: "I never usually work days. But I have had a really bad few nights and I need to buy Xmas presents for my kids.
"Despite the freezing weather, sex workers are wandering the streets in the hopes of picking up a few extra clients."

Locals claim prossies have laurched a

clients."
Locals claim prossies have launched a "24-hour operation" and are offering services for just £30.

Fact me!

THE first ever commercial Christmas cards were commissioned by civil servant Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843. Featuring a family drinking wine, one sold for £8,469 in 2014.

What a wader go for hunter

A DUCK hunter was killed when his waders overflowed, filled with water and dragged him to his doom in the depths of a lake.

Jackson Williams, 24, was blasting fowl at Sooner Lake in Oklahoma when he went to retrieve a duck and stumbled over a drop-off. causing his a drop-off, causing his waders to fill up and weigh him down.

Authorities later retrieved the student's body from the lake floor.

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"Waders are hard to get in and out of, even on dry land, and in a panic, in cold water, it can be really tough," Capt Ben Bickerstaff of the Oklahoma Game Wardens said in a statement.

"Our hearts go out to the family, the friends, and the loved ones of this young man."

Jackson was a graduate student at Oklahoma State University's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, university

Soil Sciences, university officials confirmed.













DON'T you iust love

SIMRAN



A bit of come wen **CELEB Jameela Jamil** has told how a raunchy Hollywood sex session ended up with SPUNK in her HAIR.

The stunning TV presenter and movie star, 37, made the admission on her Bad

Dates podcast.
The former T4 host The former 14 host was speaking to comics Joe DeRosa and Sal Vulcano when she made to revelation.

She told them: "Once,

someone came she means ejaculated ropes of man muck] and a bit By HOWARD HARRIS news@sundaysport.co.uk

went on my fringe.

"And that's really upset me!

"It was very specific."

The slightly puzzled US funnymen then quizzed Jameela on what she meant by her fringe", as they use a different phrase across the Atlantic.

replied: bangs! That's why I had them as there's jizz everywhere in Hollywood!"

everywhere in Hollywood!"
In a previous episode,
the star admitted she
had a strict policy on
BUM SEX.
"I am very precious
about my arsehole,
she said. "You know,
as a rule, I don't want anything going inside

RANGE

RANGE Rovers are suffering big price drops as their owners struggle to get them insured after the model became Britain's most stolen car.

The average price of a used Range Rover has fallen 9% since May, to £35,224, compared to a decline of just 3% for all other cars, according to motor trade bible Auto Trader.

And the cost to insure one more than doubled to £3,270 in the year to

October, in a period that saw overall car insurance rise 57%.

The average quote this year for a man aged 36-50, driving a newer Range Rover model, is £5,186. One driver received a cheapest quote of £48,000 for a car worth £45k which was valued at £103,000 two years ago.

Data from the DVLA shows the Range Rover Velar R-Dyn is the most sought out car by criminals.

Menus are out of order for Gen Zs

NOW soppy millennials are scared of MENUS! A majority of Gen Z crybabies report suffering from "menu anxiety" while eating in a public place, a study conducted by restaurant chain Prezzo has found.

Researchers asked around 2,000 people how relaxed they felt while eating out, hoping to gauge how enjoyable the experience is.

About 86% of Gen Z adults aged 18-24 in the study admitted they have study admitted they have suffered from "menu anxiety" when dining in restaurants, compared to 67% of all respondents. Some of these young adults (34%) reported feeling so anxious – either over the cost of the food

or regretting what they might order – they end up asking others at the table to speak to waiters on their behalf.



E LAST-MINUTE

IT'S Wednesday... Christmas Day is on Monday and you've still not bought anything for the missus.
You could spend the next

You could spend the next few days racking your brain for a gift that she'll inevitably not like, then storing up her resentment over your gift which will be deployed sometime after Easter.

Life's too short.

Clogging

The pubs are packed with part-timers, clogging up the bar so it takes twice as long to get any proper boozing done...

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And there's a load of work

And there's a load of work to the be done before the Christmas break...

So there's no time to be fannying about over the wife's gift.

Here's a word to the wise. Get her a sex toy.

And not one of those crap 1980s ones – throw a few quid at the job.

There are even some celebrity-endorsed dildos – and you know how birds go mad for all that celeb shit.

To help you out, here's a run down of some of the best on the market...



LILY has launched her very own sex toy – and it seems to be going down a treat with shoppers. Selling for a rather

eye-watering £89.99 on Lovehoney, the vibrator is the subject of wild praise from customers, with some claiming it's life changing! Having previously

Having previously championed the Womanizer brand of vibrators, Lily has collaborated with the company to create her own version of the "suction vibrator".

The Liberty is billed as travel-ready clitoral stimulator combining sweet suction with soft pressure waves.

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Womanizer's patented Pleasure Air Technology pulses with six intensity levels of touchless stimulation – using a sucker to really ramp up the tingles.

GWYNETH is giving her Goop.com readers great expectations for their sex lives – including a £12,000 gold-plated dildo for the superrich out there!

But the star's selections for mere mortals like the rest of us range from exploratory to Fifty Shades and are perfect for "all scenarios", according to Goop's website.

"Sex toys have long since graduated from the floppy rubber things you hide in your bedside

table to beautiful works of interactive art," the site explains.

Products for the

Products for the price conscious include a Fetish Fantasy Gold Beginner's Fantasy Kit for around £30, which comes with gold handcuffs and a black mask with matching paddle.

There's also Liquid's Organics Natural Lubricant, which is infused with hibiscus, green tea and aloe and retails for £7.

Best of all, it's stain-free!

CARA proved herself to be even more a sex-positive legend by announcing that

she co-owns sex toy company Lora DiCarlo. She joined the company as co-owner and creative

as co-owner and creative advisor last month. It means the model and actress will be using "her voice and platform to inspire and encourage humans to embrace their sexuality with

positivity and confidence".

The firm also said she was "sharing their unified values of unapologetically celebrating sexual exploration and working to destignatise sexuality".

Cara said the sex toy firm's vision "represents so much of what I stand for – women-led, femme-focused and pleasure inclusive" and that she is "so excited". And so are we!

Cruz: I said no to naked

role aged 20

HOLLYWOOD babe
Penelope Cruz revealed
she turned down her
first big break in the
US when she was 20,
after discovering she
would have to strip off
for sex scenes.

for sex scenes.
The 49-year-old star (above) went on to strip in several topless scenes but when she

scenes but when she was starting out, it was a big no-no.
She said: "The first opportunity I had to do a casting the director said, 'You need to sign this clause that says you will do a couple of sex scenes'.

sex scenes'.

"I was very shocked by that because it was not in the script before. I was in LA alone and I said, 'I really don't

I said, 'I really don't understand because I had this script for a year and that was not there'.

"I didn't like that I game - I didn't like that I was not told before I got on that 14-hour flight.

"I said, 'No, I am not signing',

"I kand, I was not signing."

"I knew I was not going to get the movie because the director was very angry that I didn't sign."

Fact me!

SCIENTISTS have calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve – travelling at 650 miles a second.

Airline sees spike in 'unruly' flyers

BOSSES from the world's oldest airline say incidents involving "unruly flyers" have doubled in the last four years.

Leen van Duijn, the vice president for security services at Dutch carrier KLM, revealed the shock stat in a statement, saying that the rise in antisocial behaviour was an unfortunate "reflection of broader society". KLM, which has been

in operation since the 1920s, clocked an average of 15 unruly passengers per month back in 2019.

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In 2023, the airline recorded a whopping 30 incidents per month, despite being 6% below pre-pandemic capacity. "The consequences of passengers misbehaving are severe – it has a huge impact on our passengers and our colleagues." van and our colleagues," van Duijn added. "No form of physical aggression towards our crew or





SINCE emerging onto the Hollywood scene a few years ago, Dakota has become a thoroughly modern sex symbol. And that's due in no

And that s due in no small part to her role as Anastasia Steele in the film adaptation of the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy, which served as a rousing introduction to

rousing introduction to
the dynamics of a BDSM
relationship for thousands.
But that was just the
beginning – as evidenced
by her latest venture, the
31-year-old actress has
every intention of
continuing to push the
sex-positive conversation
forward off-screen as well.
Last year, Dakota
announced her new role
as investor and co-creative

announced her new role as investor and co-creative director of Maude, the sexual wellness brand that's gained a cult following for its sleek, sculpture-like toys, organic condoms and personal lubricants, and powerful, pleasure-positive messaging

powerful, pleasure-positive messaging. CEO Eva Goicochea, who Dakota will work with on the brand's creative direction, said: "She fearlessly has taken on the subject of sex and intimacy through her work."





By BRAD CHADWICK

POLICE officer has been

A POLICE officer has been suspended after he took a video of himself SPUNKING into someone's water bottle.

David Richard Mills has been charged with 12 counts related to exposing his genitals and performing sexual acts in public. Mills, 36, a deputy with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office in Oregon, "masturbated into a water bottle of another person with the intent of that person unknowingly drinking it, and sharing the video online for financial benefit on January 5, 2022".

Mills is also accused of wanking in a public building and posting a video

a public building and posting a video of it online the same day. It's believed Mills posted his antics on an OnlyFans-style website.

Exposed

On April 2 this year, Mills posted a picture of himself online while he was wearing his uniform with his penis exposed.

Additionally, he placed his exposed penis on a countertop in the sheriff's office on August 6.

Mills's charges include official misconduct, public indecency, disorderly conduct and abuse of venerated objects. "We understand the community has

"We understand the community has a high level of expectation for the professionalism of those who work in public safety. When there is any breach in that professionalism, we



take that seriously," District Attorney John Haroldson said.

John Haroldson said.

According to a statement released by the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, deputies were told about the content on September 1.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's office said "the employee depicted in the content" was placed on leave that day. Authorities said they are now investigating the case.

stops at cop shop

A MAN took a wrong turn during a pursuit of a stolen ambulance and ended up on the front lawn of a police station. Stanley Williams, 35,

is accused of grand theft and fleeing and eluding after the incident that unfolded in Columbia

unfolded in Columbia
County, Florida.
A cop was assisting
paramedics with a person
who was experiencing an
"altered mental state" and possibly under the influence of drugs.

Cops said that Williams

managed to gain access to the ambulance and took off with the vehicle

During the pursuit, cops said Williams drove the stolen ambulance to the entrance of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Operations Centre, driving it onto the front lawn and stopped at the entrance.

Ambulance thief LECCY CHARGERS BAN OVER DOGGING FEARS

AN electric charging station will not be built along the side of the A1 over fears it would become a hot spot for hookers and doggers. Osprey Charging wanted to build 16 rapid

Osprey Charging wained to build 10 Tapid charging points beside the motorway on land in Stamford, Lincs.

But the application sparked a storm of outrage from locals fearing the unstaffed station would be a magnet for sex people.

South Kesteven District Council threw out the plans with the decision notice.

District Council threw out the plans with the decision notice sent to Osprey Charging citing the "loss of agricultural land as well as harm to the visual amenity of the area". It also stated "the isolated nature of the site has potential to result in crime and a fear of crime". The blueprints on the council's website attracted a total of 30 objections, while Councillor Richard Cleaver told a planning committee meeting it was the most objections he had received from residents during his time serving as a councillor.

















My wildest fantasy is getting it on with a total

My wildest fantasy is getting it on with a total stranger in an unexpected situation.

For instance, just picking someone up on the street or at the supermarket.

It's not really a done thing, but why not? People usually pull each other in bars and clubs. But usually by the end of the night, people are drunk and the sex is usually crap!

I don't need alcohol to lower my inhibitions. I'm pretty wild by nature!

I've brought a guy home at 3pm on a Saturday afternoon after chatting him up in the frozen food aisle.

I once slept with a gas engineer who came round to fix my boiler.

He was hot, and I was very suggestive while wearing skimpy denim shorts.

He got the hint and next thing I knew we're upstairs and doing it doggy style on my bed!

I just love a good flirt and spontaneous sex is so exciting.





SEX FANTASY



Thief planned to give parcels as Xmas gifts

A WOMAN followed an Amazon delivery an Amazon delivery driver through her neighbourhood and stole delivered parcels that she planned to pass off as Xmas gifts. Kensley Mott, 33 (ghore) was caught on

kensiey Mott, 33 (above), was caught on CCTV creeping up to her victims' front doors to snatch packages, which she later admitted she planned to give as presents. The brazen theft may not have been Mott's

first time scanning Sun Ridge Village in Winter Haven, near Orlando, Haven, near Orlando, Florida, as a neighbour reported an attempted package theft just one week before. Mott has a criminal history including arrests dating back to 2016 for theft and parentics passession

arotics possession.
When police tracked her down at her nearby pizza parlour job, she immediately copped to the crime, the Polk County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. said in a statement.
"I stole them because

I'm going to give them away as presents for Christmas," Mott said, according to Sheriff Grady Judd.

Baby survives tornado horror

A BABY miraculously survived after being sucked up by a TORNADO!

Sydney Moore, her boyfriend, and their kids were inside their home in Clarksville, Tennessee, when the tornado – which left six people dead and more than two dozen. more than two dozen injured – touched down in Montgomery County. She said the tornado,

which destroyed the couple's mobile home and other belongings, picked up her four-month-old child, who managed to survive the horrific event

"Something in me just told me to run and jump on top of my son," Sydney said of her efforts to protect her eldest child, a one-year-old.

The moment I jumped on him, the walls of our home collapsed."



A TEACHER who was suspended when bosses found out she was moonlighting as a saucy OnlyFans model has given the finger to prudes who slate her sideline...

By fingering her sodden MINGE in an X-rated video filmed in a clothes store changing room!

Secret

Megan Gaither, a teacher from St Clair, Missouri in the United States, was recently put on leave after a student posted a note on her door saying that they "knew her secret".

But far from being embarrassed about recent developments, recent developments, Megan has gone for it

big time.
She has now taken to
Twitter to tease an
OnlyFans video of her
explicitly frigging her
dripping SLOT.
Alongside a teaser for
her latest video, Megan
wrote: "Had fun in the
fitting room today.
Wanna see?"
But her follow-up

Wanna see?"

But her follow-up
Twitter vid left nothing
to the imagination, and
it was captioned: "Yall

to the imagination, and it was captioned: "Yall wanted to see my fitting room exploits today? Here's a teaser..." In the clip, topless Megan lies back, pulls her black panties to one side and rubs her meaty

flaps with her slender

fingers.

Megan is the second teacher from St Clair High School to be caught making racy content

making racy content online.

Her former colleague, Brianna Coppage, also found herself in hot water for using her OnlyFans page to help supplement her school income.

Porn

Brianna is now big news in porn, making a vid with X-rated big hitter Lena the Plug. When Megan was

When Megan was busted for her sideline,

she claimed it was down to her colleagues down to her colleagues leaking it to the press – and she said she quickly made the deci-sion to own the story rather than try and go

on the defensive and

hide.
"I very quickly made the decision. Do I let them post the wrong story about me, or do I tell my story?" she said.

TEACHER OF YEAR ADMITS SEX WITH TEEN PUPI



A FORMER drama teacher has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 14-year-old student two years ago.

student two years ago.

In exchange for her guilty plea, Brittiny Lopez-Murray, 33 (left), was sentenced to two years of community control plus 10 years of probation while also being required to register as a sex offender and attend a programme for mental disorder sex offenders.

Lopez-Murray pleaded guilty to charges including lewd and lascivious battery, lewd and lascivious molestation of a child and electronic transmission harmful to minors.

Lopez-Murray, who was named Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2017 at Hialeah Middle School, in Hialeah, near Miami, Florida, was still teaching there when she was arrested in October 2021.

According to a police report, the teenage victim had been Lopez-Murray's student in middle school, but at the time the relationship reportedly began in August 2021, he was in high school.

The report noted that the victim's sister was concerned about his behaviour and was able to get a look at his phone and found "explicit texts and

photos" between the teacher

photos" between the teacher and teen.

The boy's father also saw the phone, revealing explicit photos of Lopez-Murray and text messages detailing "how much they enjoyed the sex with each other".

The boy reportedly told police that Lopez-Murray sometimes picked him up from basketball practice and that they would engage in sex acts in her car in a mall or grocery store parking lot, according to the outlet.

the outlet.

Lopez-Murray's plea deal was accepted by the victim's family.







All the best!

<u>lor's shiny...</u> ut is she sexy?

MAYBE I'm missing something, but what is it about Taylor Swift that just leaves me cold?

I keep reading about how she's one of the most beautiful women

on the planet.
She's certainly one of the most successful. successful.
Millions of albums sold.

successful.

Millions of albums sold.
Concerts sold out across the planet.
A bank manager with a smile as wide as the M1.
Put it this way – I bet Taylor doesn't struggle to get an account at Coutts.
But I just don't see the physical attraction that everyone else seems to.
Ariana Grande in a skimpy leotard gyrating around a stage, yes.
Miley Cyrus swinging stark bollock naked (apart from her Dr Martens) from her wrecking ball, absolutely.
Rita "Kwaoooooor" Ora, of course.
And not just today's hotties.
The I'm a Barbie Girl singer in Aqua back in the day, definitely.
Kylie, obvs.
Whitney before she carked it.
Madonna, as in 1980s Madonna,

Madonna, as in 1980s Madonna,

Kim Wilde, too.
All fit, because it seemed to come naturally.

But the sight of Taylor in her usual stage garb – tights, high-cut bodice to accentuate her legs – just doesn't do

accentuate her legs – Just doesn't do it for me, sorry.

It might help if I knew a single one of her songs.

But then I haven't heard a new Madonna single in years, Aqua are long gone and Kim Wilde is more interested in gardening.

I also wouldn't have a clue what any songs from the Arianas, Ritas and Miless would sound like either.

any songs from the Arianas, Kitas and Mileys would sound like either.

This probably won't go down too well with the Swifties, but Taylor reminds me of a thoroughbred racehorse parading around the paddock before the Grand National.

Picture perfect. Shiny. Teeth on show.

IT probably seems a bit early to be thinking about your summer holiday, doesn't

. Not when there's still Not when there's still a turkey to be cooked, crackers to be pulled, family rows to spark up, fairy lights to go on fire, and knowing your wheelie bin collections are buggered until New Year. But time and more

But time - and more importantly money waits for no man.

As well as expecting the usual telly adverts for holidays in the sun that you can book now and pay for later, and the annual complaining when Creme Eggs hit the shops on Boxing Day, the advertising festive fare now includes...
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Yes, for a mere squillion pounds during a three-week hunting window you can actually pay to bring summer and winter together.
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Oh, hang on, perhaps I'm describing one of her cringiest "biggest" fans instead. A certain Master Sunak, aged 4 and a half, from Downing Street, London. He really will say just about anything for a vote, won't he?
But at least that explains why Taylor is such a turn-off.

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sociopaths can simply jump on a plane, fly to Norway, and then spend joyful hours splattering the red blood of Rudolf and friends right across the virgin white

snow. "And what did

you get for Chrimbo?" someone will ask when you get back to work. "A chance to ensure

the entire world will hate me."

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Biden man axed over anal sex vid

A US Senate staffer who filmed himself

who filmed himself doing bumming in a Judiciary Committee hearing room has got the boot.

Maese-Czeropski, a 24-year-old legislative aide to Democratic Senator Ben Cardin, was accused of posting a video of himself doing bumming with another man on a public Twitter account. His face appeared to be clearly visible.

"Maese-Czeropski is no longer employed by the US Senate. We will have no further comment on this pressoned matter." a

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will have no further comment on this personnel matter," a spokeswoman for Cardin said.

It is not believed that Senator Cardin, 80, was involved in the bumming.

The roughly eight seconds of intercourse allegedly took place in the same room where nominees to the Supreme Court are grilled by senators.

The United States Capitol Police launched a probe into potential criminal violations after the video began circulating.

circulating.
Maese-Czeropski
previously featured in
an ad for US President
Biden (above).

Fact me!

IT'S technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day. In the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. The law has never been rescinded.

OAP hubby kills wife over brekkie

AN elderly man stabbed his wife to death as he didn't want to eat the pancakes she'd made

Steven Schwartz, 85, plunged a carving knife into 81-year-old Sharron Hilda Schwartz's back at their home after she tried pushing the breakfast item on him to help him gain weight. He then stabbed himself.

"I killed her, oh my Lord. I don't remember, it was a crazy fight!"
Schwartz told arresting

officers in Washington DC.
He told detectives he
had lost up to 50lbs
during a recent hospital
stay, due to physical and
psychiatric disorders, and that Sharron was trying to get his weight back up.

Sharron, who was pronounced dead later at hospital, pushed the pancakes on him after learning he wasn't planning to eat breakfast because he'd eaten a quarter of a Krispy Kreme doughnut the day before.









Dear Ava,

I'VE been married for 15 years and I'm just beginning to wonder if my missus is a

when my pal asked his mate if he was married he replied: "No, but I'm f**king a proper nympho regularly" - then produced a photo of the woman. It was a pretty poor snap but I could see enough to suspect the woman laid on a bed with her legs spread wide showing her minge was my wife!

I'm absolutely devastated.

What should I do?

FR, Notts

FR, Notts

Ava says... STOP being so ridiculous – most women look the same when they've got their kit off. Sounds like you're just being paranoid.

Dear Ava,

ME and my girlfriend got engaged a couple of months ago – I'm 21 and she's 19.

She's the same age as me and is very insecure.

A couple of weeks ago her female pal came to my flat during the day, when my bird was out at work and I was on a day off.

One thing led to another, and we were soon rolling around in the sack together.

She soon had my dick hard and went down on me – and she swallowed the lot!

Then I went down on her, licking her vag and tickling her little clit.

After she'd gone, I realised what I had done and felt bad. But the next week the same thing happened.

Since then I've told her that it must stop but she says that if I don't carry on "servicing" her she'll tell my fiancée.

MA, Derbys

MA, Derbys

Ava says...
YOU should stop kidding yourself that it's all HER fault.
Call her bluff – but remember, it takes two to tango.

Dear Ava,

I'M a 36-year-old divorced lady and the other week I bumped into an old female school pal I'd not seen for 20 years.

I invited her round to my place for a meal, where we cracked open a bottle of wine and had a great time recalling all the silly things we'd done in the past.

She is also divorced and revealed she hadn't made love to a man since her husband left her.

I said she must be feeling terribly frustrated but she laughed and said: "That does not mean I haven't had sex."

Then she pushed me back on the sofa, easing my thighs apart, and I screamed in ecstasy as she pulled my panties aside and probed my pussy with her fingers and then the tip of her firm tongue.

It seemed like only seconds before I was experiencing the most powerful orgasm I have ever felt.

Now I'm feeling sexually confused. Am I gay?

VL, Lancs

Ava says...

YOU'LL have to explore further with your friend.

up a team for the ladies – and I joined in.

After our first match, my fella came up with the suggestion of me getting off with two lesbos

on the team. We won our first game and I was so elated I

id yes to his plan.
In the showers, the two gay girls started giving each other a celebratory kiss, so I jumped in the middle and we began locking our lips together. We were soon fingering each other's fannies and soaping each other's boobs and I was dripping

wet – not just from the shower!

As we were drying off, the girls used their tongues to make me orgasm. Then we went to the club bar and promised

ourselves another session soon.

My fella loved it, but now wants to join in but I just want the ladies – not him.

Is this normal?

Ava says...

AS long as you're having a good time, and you let your boyfriend down gently, who cares about labels?
Just go with the flow and enjoy it.

on my engorged member I noticed she'd yanked down her knickers and was fingering herself.

This set me off and I blew the lot in her gob. Later I asked her if she fancied a cock up there, rather than her fingers, and she took me out to her mate's garage.

She unlocked the car

parked there and we climbed on the back seat.

Then she wriggled out of her skirt and was soon straddling my love-muscle and riding it wildly.

Now she says she wants to go away to university after the summer, where I know that with her huge sexual appetite she'll soon be getting her fill of young, hard cock in no time.

Can we carry on? CH, north London

Ava says...

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1. WHICH country's national beauty pageant is embroiled in a bizarre is embroiled in a bizarre row after judges have been accused of going "woke" by crowning an "androgynous" contestant with a pixle cut hairstyle as the winner? a) Germany b) Italy c) France d) Russia

2. WHICH Man City star's mansion has been broken into and trashed while he was away on club duty in Saudi Arabia?

a) Kevin De Bruyne b) Erling Haaland c) Phil Foden d) Kyle Walker

3. WHICH Hollywood star revealed he has "always hated chairs" and does hated chairs" and does not allow them on any of his sets, adding: "I feel like your energy dips the minute you sit down"? a) Tom Cruise b) Chris Hemsworth c) Ryan Reynolds d) Bradley Cooper

4. THE new boss of which supermarket chain has delivered a warning to his workers that big changes are needed in order for the company to survive?

a) Tesco b) Morrisons c) Sainsbury's d) Waitrose

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5. COMEDIAN Simon Brodkin has been blasted by viewers after making a "sick and insensitive" "sick and insensitive" joke about what at the Royal Variety?
a) King Charles's sausage fingers
b) Illegal immigraßnts c) COVID
d) The cost-of-living crisis

crisis

6. TRILL-SEEKERS have 6. TRILL-SEEKERS have been advised to stay away from the huge volcanic eruption in which nordic country? a) Norway b) Sweden c) Denmark d) Iceland

7. WHICH car brand has been named as the 'most stolen' in the UK? a) Tesla b) Audi

c) Range Rover d) BMW

8. WHICH singing legend has been forced to stop performing after being diagnosed with 'stiff-person syndrome'?

a) Celine Dion b) Shania Twain c) Debbie Harry d) Cyndi Lauper

9. WHERE is the football 9. WHERE is the footb Club World Cup being held this week? a) United States b) Thailand c) Saudi Arabia d) Japan

10. WHICH former England striker is quitting Match Of The Day? a) Ian Wright b) Gary Lineker c) Alan Shearer d) Robbie Fowler

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BIG DEAL: Cummins

Cummins nets £2m in new IPL record deal

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AUSTRALIA captain Pat Cummins has landed a record £1.94million contract at the Indian Premier at the Indian Fremier League auction with England pair Harry Brook and Chris Woakes picking up deals worth just under £400,000.

Cummins sat out the 2023 tournament to 2023 tournament to focus on international cricket but became even hotter property after leading his side to the World Test Championship and last month's 50-over World Cup on Indian soil.

Four teams vied for the fast bowler's signature and

the fast bowler's signature and Sunrisers Hyderabad ended up paying 20.5 crore rupees, eclipsing the previous high of 18.5 crore (£1.77m) Punjab Kings paid for English all-rounder

Sam Curran last year. Cummins, 30, had entered with a base price of just under £200,000 and saw the bidding war up his fee by a factor of 10.

Sunrisers had plenty of budget to play with having released Brook after one season of a £1.3m deal, with the Yorkshireman picking up a reduced payday with the Capitals.

He hit one superb

century in his first IPL campaign but was otherwise badly short of runs with just 190 in

of runs with just 190 ii 11 matches. Woakes was later drafted for just under £400,000 by Punjab, joining his England team-mates Curran and Liam Livingstone. Surrisers also

Sunrisers also Sunrisers also splurged on Cummins' fellow Australian Travis Head, who capped a stellar year with a match-winning 137 in the World Cupfinal in Ahmedabad.

He cost around £645,000 as he seturned to the

£645,000 as he returned to the tournament for the first time since 2017. West Indies T20 captain Rovman Powell was the first player to go under the hammer at the avent in Dubai go under the hammer at the event in Dubai and fetched a surprisingly lavish £700,000 bid from Rajasthan Royals, while New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell scooped the biggest cheque of his career when he went to Chennai Super Kings for £1.3million.

ALL THE LATEST FROM THE WO

FORMER winner Gerwyn Price is convinced he can finally win over the Alexandra Palace crowd after breezing into the third round of the PDC World **Darts Championship.**

had The Welshman has often troubled relationship with the fans and last year wore ear protectors during his 5-1 quarter-final defeat to Germany's Gabriel

Clemens.
Price's solitary crown came in Price's solitary crown came in 2021 when the crowd was shut out due to COVID, but he is hopeful of more support after outclassing Connor Scutt with a 3-1 win.

"It's really difficult to come here when the crowd's on your back," Price said.

"I'm glad the crowd were really.

"I'm glad the crowd were really good to me today and if they continue

By PAUL THOMAS

like this there's no reason I can't win

it.

"It was difficult, my game was steady, it wasn't my 'A' game and there were some first-round jitters, but I'm through so I'm happy."

"The performance of the night came

The performance of the night came from Hong Kong's Man Lok Leung who hit 11 maximums as he battled back from 2-0 down to see off Dutchman Gian van Veen 3-2.

Leung looked down and out after missing 10 darts at double for the second set but stormed back with a

second set, but stormed back with a

second set, but stormed back with a thrilling performance to book his place in round two for the first time. Martin Lukeman had too much for New Zealand's Haupei Puha as he eased to a 3-0 win, while Tibault Tricole was a 3-1 winner over Mario Vandenbogaerde

Gary Anderson began his quest for

a third World Championship title in style with a handsome victory over Simon Whitlock.

Simon Whitlock.

The Scot, who won back-to-back crowns at Alexandra Palace in 2015 and 2016, has been looking back to his best this year after a lull and eased through to the third round with a 3-0 success over the Australian.

He set the tone with a 180 with his opening throw of the match and won the first five legs to take command.

Struggled

Anderson, who averaged 98.29, saw it out in style, taking out 116 for the highest checkout of the match. "The first set I played better, but I have known Simon a long, long time, he struggled up there," the Scot said.
"But happy with the win."

"But happy with the win.
"I am trying to get back, I didn't want to play darts in the last three

years. I am enjoying it again, win or lose, I am enjoying it."

Jamie Hughes was fighting back tears after finally breaking his Ally Pally duck.

The world number 62 had lost his provious four metabos on the high

The world number 62 had lost his previous four matches on the big stage but put that right by beating David Cameron 3-1.

He said: "I am probably playing the worst I have ever played in my life and I have just won a game. I have played better and lost. I am so, so happy to finally get a win on that stage.

stage. "Hopefully that has got the duck off my back and I can play my natural

Dave Chisnall sent Cameron Menzies back to the day job after knocking him in the afternoon session.

Menzies had booked his place in

the second round on Friday night after working a half-day as a

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plumber, having to fix a burst pipe and repair a kitchen sink. He was back in action on Saturday afternoon, having at least had the morning off, but could not repeat the trick and 11th seed Chisnall came from a set down to win 3-1 set down to win 3-1.

Shock

Menzies, who is hoping to make the transition to become a full-time darts player, will be back at the Palace on Sunday to support his girlfriend Fallon Sherrock, but his run at this year's tournament is over.

Lee Evans reckons it would not be a major shock if he beats Luke Humphries in the second round

The 35-year-old marked his Ally Pally debut with a 3-0 win over Sandro Eric Sosing to set up

a date with his former playing partner Humphries, wh the favourite to win

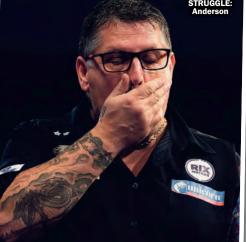
the favourite to win the tournament.
"What a draw. Good job I know him very well," he said.
"I know his game very well, he knows me. We played pairs a few years ago, played in the same teams, I will need to play my best game without a doubt," Evans said.

"It is a free shot. If he goes to that A place, I think I have got the A place to match, but he is a level above everyone at the

"I reckon I can push him close if I can play my best. If I beat Luke Humphries I think there

will be bigger shocks.

"For me I don't think it would be a shock. Everyone else might, but I wouldn't.





FOOTBALL: Carabao Cup, Liverpool v West Ham — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Football 1900; Women's Champions League, Ajax v Bayern Munich — DAZN 1745, Bayern Munich — DAZN 1745, Roma y Paris St Germain — DAZN 1745, Hacken v Chelsea — TNT Sports 2 and DAZN 2000, Real Madrid v Paris FC — DAZN 2000, Bundesliga, Union Berlin v Moor Subrago Mix 1730, Wolfsburg v Bayern Munich — Sky Sports Mix 1730, Laliga Barcelona v Almeria — Visplay Sports 1800, Athletic Bilbao v Light Sports Mix 1730, Laliga Lancelona v Visinets Subrago 1800, All Lancelona v Visinets Subr

Las Palmas — Viaplay Sports 1 2030. Villarreal v Celta Vigo — 2030, Villarreal v Cetila Vigo — Vipalpa Sports 2 2030; Ligue 1, Paris St Germain v Metz — TNT Sports 1 545, Nice v Lens — TNT Sports 5 2000, Toulouse v Monaco — TNT Sports 5 2000, Toulouse v Monaco — TNT Sports 6 2000; Coppa Italia, Inter Milan v Bologna — Viaplay Xtra 2000. CRICKET Women's Test match, India v Australia — TNT Sports 1 0345 f Thurs?

- 0345 (Thurs). DARTS: World Darts Championship — Sky Sports Arena 1230 and 1900 and Sky Sports Main Event 1230 and 2230.
- 2230.

 BASKETBALL: NBA, Brooklyn
 Nets v New York Knicks TNT
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Sports 1 0030 (Thurs).

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL Premier League.
Crystal Palace v Brighton — Sky
Sports Main Event and Sky
Sports Main Event and Sky
Sports Main Event and Sky
Sports Premier League 1930:
Women's Champions League.
Eintracht Frankfurt v Benfica —
DAZN 1745, Barcelona v Rosengard —
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Cadiz v Real Sociedad — Viaplay
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Girona — Viaplay Sports 1 1800.
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- 2030. CRICKET: Fifth international T20, CRICKET: Fifth international T20.
 West Indies v England — TNT
 Sports 1 1930; Third ODI, South
 Africa v India — Sky Sports
 Cricket 1030 and Sky Sports
 Main Event 1030 and 1630;
 Women's Test match, India v
 Australia — TNT Sports 1 0345
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- Adsulada INT Sports 1 0343 (Fri). DARTS: World Darts Championship Sky Sports Arena 1230 and 1900 and Sky Sports Main Event 1230 and 2200.
- GRIDIRON: NFL, Los Angeles Rams v New Orleans Saints
- Rams v New Orleans Saints Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 0000 (Fri) BASKETBALL: NBA, LA Clippers v Oklahoma City Thunder TNT Sports 2 0130 (Fri).

POOTBALL: Premier League, Aston Villa v Sheffield United — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Premier League 1900: Club World Cup. TBC v TBC (third-place play-off) — TNT Sports 1 1415, TBC v TBC (final)

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 4 1730, Empoli v Lazio TNT
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 Fiorentina TNT Sports 4 1945,
 Salernitana v AC Milan TNT
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 v Australia TNT Sports 2 0345
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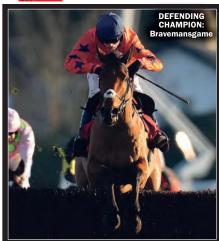
SATURDAY

FOOTBALL: Premier League,
West Ham v Manchester United

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Juventus – TNT Sports 3 1130,
Inter Milan v Lecce – TNT Sports
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- Championship Sky Sports Arena 1230 and 1900 and Sky
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- Sunday, December 24 FOOTBALL: Premier League, Wolves v Chelsea Sky Sports Maines v Lnelsea — Sky Sports
 Main Event and Sky Sports
 Premier League 1230: Cinch
 Premiership, Motherwell v
 Rangers — Sky Sports Football
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- 1200.
 GRIDIRON: NFL, TBC v TBC Sky Sports NFL and Sky Sports Main Event 1700. TBC v TBC Sky Sports McIn Event 1700. TBC v TBC Sky Sports NFL and Sky Sports Main Event 2115. Denver Broncos v New England Patriots Sky Sports NFL and Sky Main Event 0115.



Nicholls full of **Xmas cheer for** King George

By DON FRANCOME

PAUL Nicholls is confident Bravemansgame will put up a staunch defence of his crown in the Ladbrokes King George VI Chase at Kempton Park next week.

next week.
The eight-year-old was a brilliant 1.4-length winner of the Boxing Day showpiece last season, but has had to make do with minor honours on each of his four subsequent starts.

Bravemansgame was best of the rest behind Galopin Des Champs in the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March and rounded off his season with a third-placed finish at Punchestown.

He has been beaten at odds-on in his first two outings of this season, in the Charlie Hall at Wetherby and the Betfair Chase at Haydock, but Nicholls feels that while his Gold Cup effort may have taken its toll, his star chaser is showing signs at home he is returning to his peak ahead of what the Ditcheat handler considers as a "home game".

"Bravemansgame won

"Bravemansgame won the race last year and then the season before he won the Kauto Star around Kempton," he said. "He loves it there and it is the ultimate track for him by its almost a boxes."

him. It is almost a home game for him. "Whether the Gold Cup left a mark on him, I don't know, and it could be that it has just taken a while to get him back. He worked as well as he could work on Saturday, and he looks good. We are looking forward to the King

George." Lat season saw Bravemansgame head straight to the King George following victory in the Charlie Hall, and Nicholls was initially planning on taking the same route this term.

However, having suffered defeat in West Yorkshire, the champion trainer decided to take in the Betfair Chase – and



TRAINER: Paul Nicholls

while he was beaten again, he insists he has no regrets.

He added: "The thing is,

He added: "The thing is, it is easy to wrap all these horses in cotton wool, but he is a year older and it was a very valuable race at Haydock.
"We knew he would need the run at Wetherby and with Betfair putting call the more vinto it at

all the money into it at Haydock you want to make it as competitive as you can, and it was an

you can, and it was an interesting race.
"He ran a good race, and he was bang there for three miles. Then Daryl (Jacob) just looked after him. He had only run three weeks before it and between the two races I had been a bit easy on him. It suits him being fresh and doing a lot of

"Bryan (Drew, owner) was very keen to go for the race. He owns him outright and you respect his wishes. Ultimately his since he came in has been Boxing Day and he is ready for it. "

Bravemansgame will be joined in the King George field by his veteran stablemate Frodon, who claimed a popular victory in the race three years ago under Bryony Frost and was last seen finishing third when seeking a second win in the Badger Beer Handicap Chase at Wincanton.

"Frodon loves it around Kempton and he is in really good form. He is not getting any younger, but

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



GALIA Des Liteaux sets a strong standard in the Listed-class Make Your **Best Bet At BetVictor** Chase Mares'

Newbury.

Dan Skelton's charge showed plenty of promise as a novice last season, notably romping home by 13 lengths in a Grade Two contest at Warwick ahead of Complete Unknown, who was favourite for the Coral Gold Cup at this venue recently.

venue recently.

Taking on the top boys at
Cheltenham and Aintree
proved a step too far but
Galia Des Liteaux made a
pleasing reappearance
against her own sex last month.

Impressive

Harry Skelton had to keep pushing away to fend off Found On but a strong jump at the last helped her to prevail by four and a half lengths

lengths.

The seven-year-old can be expected to come on for that expected to come on for that first run, as many of her stablemates have done this term, and this stiffer track should play to her strengths, so it will take a big effort to lower her colours.

Jamie Snowden has been enjoying a fine campaign so far and Torneo is taken to add another win to his impressive tally in the BetVictor Loyalty Club Juvenile Hurdle.

A decent performer on the Flat in France, the son of

By MIKE FRANCIS

Toronado looked well bought at £110,000 to go jumping and can build on a solid second at Catterick on his National Hunt debut, having gine been galded.

National Hunt debut, having since been gelded.
Brave Kingdom made a most encouraging comeback from 690 days on the sidelines when making all to beat the hat-trick seeking General Medrano at Plumpton.
After reportedly working well at home, the three-time

Atter reportedly working well at home, the three-time hurdles winner jumped superbly throughout and a 5lb rise up the ratings may not stop him following up in the JM Finn Novices' Limited Handicap Chase.

The BetVictor EBF Stallions "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle looks a hot contest and Gidleigh Park gets the nod to further enhance his lofty reputation.

Harry Fry's charge created a good impression when staying on strongly to score by six lengths in a Chepstow bumper from The Jukebox Man, who has since franked the form with three straight victories.

victories.

Gidleigh Park again powered up the home straight when striking by seven and a half lengths on his debut over timber at Exeter and the runner-up Range won nicely next time, so he is a rocksolid option and stepping up in trin will suit

in trip will suit.

In The Air's run at Sandown last time out was too bad to be true and he is given another chance in the Queens



Arms In East Garston Handicap Chase.
Gary Moore's five-year-old was a nice second on his first outing over fences at Huntingdon and previously did well in handicap hurdles, chasing home JPR One at Taunton before scoring under 12st at Fontwell.

Obstacles

At Ludlow, Go To War can make it third time lucky over jumps in the Tanners Cava EBF "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle.
Fergal O'Brien's charge won a Uttoxeter bumper last term before being far from disgraced in Grade Two company at Aintree, but he parted company with Paddy Brennan when put over obstacles at Exeter in October. His third-placed

effort in a well-contested Taunton contest was much more like it, though, and the son of Soldier Of Fortune

son of Soldier Of Fortune now looks ready to come home in front.
Gavin Cromwell has enjoyed great success with his Irish raiders at Cheltenham this term and now turns his attention to Ayr, where Midnight It Is has a nice weight in the Win Your Wedding At Western House Novices' Handicap Chase.

SELECTIONS:
AYR: 11.50 Blow The Budget,
12.25 Ambush Annie, 1.00 Magic
Wave, 1.35 Midnight It Is, 2.10
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Here Comes McCoy, 2.45 pusy Boy, 3.20 Ayiko. DUNDALK: 4.15 Samrogue, 4.45 Signor Ferrari, 5.15 Apache Outlaw, 5.45 Circles, 6.15 Mether, 6.45 Serious Notions, 7.15 Picpoul.

6.45 Serious Notions, 7.15 Picpoul, 7.45 New Phenomenon. KEMPTON: 4.55 Love Your Work, 5.30 Classic Encounter, 6.00 Mulciber, 6.30 Lightning Touch, 7.00 Urban Sprawl, 7.30 Coachello, 8.00 Global Warning, 8.30 Wake Up

Harry.
LINGFIELD. 11.30 Artisan
Dancer, 12.00 Dashing Darcey,
12.35 Rosy Kiss, 1.10 Tiaraqueen,
1.45 Sixties Chic, 2.20 So Chic,
2.55 Red Treasure, 3.30 The

2.55 Red Treasure, 3.30 The Conqueror. LUDLOW: 12.05 The Famous Five, 12.40 Gaboriot, 1.15 Love Tree, 1.50 Dr T J Eckleburg, 2.25 Baby Sage, 3.00 Minella Choice, 3.35 Go To War. NEWBURY: 12.15 Torneo, 12.50 Home Free, 1.25 Brave Kingdom, 2.00 GALIA DES LITEAUX (NAP).

2.35 Gidleigh Park, 3.10 In The Air, 3.45 Park Princess.



ALLEGATIONS of serious offences against match officials in grassroots football increased last season compared to 2021-22, new Football Association data shows.

In total there were 1,451 allegations of serious offences against a match official last season, an increase of one per cent on the prior campaign where 1 430 offences recorded.

Seventy-two allegations of an actual or attempted assault were made in 2022-23, according to data contained in the FA's Annual

contained in the FA's Annual Grassroots Disciplinary Review which is being published later on Tuesday. Of those, 53 led to charges being brought and 42 were proven, with 11 not proven on the balance of probabilities due to insufficient evidence.

To assist in improving contribute the state of the state

due to insufficient evidence.
To assist in improving conviction rates even further, the FA has now extended a trial using body cameras in grassroots football to eight county associations to act as a deterrent against abuse towards match officials. The

By ANDY MILLOM

FA said earlier this month that referees have faced no instances of abuse in around

instances of abuse in around 500 matches since the trial began in February.

In addition to the 72 assaults or attempted assaults, there were 391 allegations of physical contactorattempted physical contact and 988 allegations relating to threatening a match official.

Participant behaviour towards referees is in the spotlight following an attack on a referee in Turkey last week. Halil Umut Meler was punched by the president of

week. Hain Ollut Meler was punched by the president of MKE Ankaragucu, Faruk Koca, at the end of a match on December 11. Koca was arrested over the incident and has since been

incident and has since been issued with a permanent ban by the Turkish Football Federation (TFF).

Manchester City were fined £120,000 by an independent regulatory commission on Monday after their players surrounded referee Simon Hooper during their Premier League match against Tottenham on December 3. against Tottenham on December 3.

The review marks the first



time the FA has collated data

time the FA has collated data on disciplinary matters from the grassroots game.

Overall, there were 3,636 allegations of serious misconduct – a nine per cent increase on the previous season – with 82 per cent of charges being proven.

There was also a 10 per cent increase in the number of allegations of discrimination, with the average sanction for proven charges being a seven-match suspension.

Alongside the body camera trials, the FA has also introduced points deductions

introduced points deductions and ground closures for teams involved in serious or repeat instances of misconduct.

The FA has also launched its 'Enough Is Enough' campaign to raise awareness of discriminatory behaviour in the grassroots game and how to report it when it occurs.

occurs. The game's national governing body has also launched a joint action plan alongside Kick It Out, the anti-discrimination charity, to proactively tackle incidents of discrimination and serious misconduct in grassroots football.

"Providing this level of transparency is important to us so that everyone can have a better understanding of the levels of serious misconduct

levels of serious misconduct across the game," the FA's senior discipline manager Fraser Williamson said.

<u>Safe</u>

"It also makes clear that "It also makes clear that we take all allegations of this nature very seriously and that we will take action against offenders.
"We know that incidents of serious misconduct are on the rise across the grassroots game however we're clear

game, however we're clear that this will not be tolerated

and that perpetrators will face consequences.

"We've recently implemented a number of implemented a number of interventions across our game to help improve the culture and behaviour of participants, both on the pitch and on the sidelines, and we will continue to do all we can to ensure our game is safe and welcoming for all."

1. FIFA plans to have how many teams

featuring at an expanded Club World Cup in 2025? 2. In what year did Fallon Sherrock become the first woman to win match at the PDC World Darts Championship? 3. Which team at the weekend recorded a first home Test win against England's women's England's women's cricket side?

4. Where was this year's Ryder Cup played?

5. From which club did West Ham sign Ghana international Mohammed Kudus? 6. Katarina Johnson-Thompson has two world heptathlon titles and how many Commonwealth golds?
7. Who sits at the top of the women's world golf rankings?
8. With which team did
Jenson Button win the Jenson Button win the Formula One world championship in 2009? 9. After finishing as runner-up at Wimbledon 2022, what stage did Nick Kyrgios reach at that year's US Open, his most recent grand slaw most recent grand slaw. most recent grand slam appearance?

10. For which national team does Manchester City forward Khadija Shaw play? 11. Who rode Red Rum to a third Grand National victory in 1977? 12. Which batter topscored with 59 in the first innings of England Women's 347-run Test defeat in India? 13. Who beat China's Cao Yupeng in the final of snooker's 2023 BetVictor Shoot out in Swansea?
14. Which Major
League Baseball club plays its home games at Wrigley Field? 15. Which army doctor replaced Gavin Hastings as captain of Scotland's rugby union team? 16. Who scored all England's goals in a 5-0 European Championship qualifier victory over Cyprus in April 1975? 17. Which Pakistan batter did Australia's Nathan Lyon dismiss to claim his 500th Test wicket? 18. Which British snooker and pool star is nicknamed the "Duchess of Doom"? 19. In which city did Jonathan Edwards set a new triple jump world record of 18.29m at the 1995 World Championships? 20. Who came off the bench to score the decisive goal in AC Milan's 2-1 Champions League win over Newcastle?

ANSWERS: 1, 32; 2, 2019; 3, India; 4, Rome; 5, Ajax; 6, Two; 7, Lilla Vu; 8, Brawn 6P; 9, Quarter-finals; 10, Stack; 12, Nat Sciver-Chicago Cubs; 12, Rollen Wacdonaid; 17, Faheem Ashnaf; 18, Millison Fleher; Ashnaf; 18, Millison Fleher; Ashnaf; 18, Millison Fleher;

- 1810: Championship belts were introduced in boxing when bareknuckle fighter Tom Cribb was given one after beating Tom Molineaux at Copthall Common. King George III presented the belt.
- 1951: The Football Association recognised white as the official colour for footballs because of the increased use of floodlights at matches. 1971: Stan Mellor
- became the first National Hunt jockey to ride 1.000 winners vhen he partnered Ouzo to victory at
- Nottingham. 2003: Manchester **United and England** defender Rio Ferdinand was banned for eight months and fined £50,000 for missing a
- drugs test. 2005: Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso announced he would be joining McLaren in 2007.
- 2007: England rugby union head coach Brian Ashton was reappointed following an in-depth review into the state of the national team. He later lost the job in April 2008, with former captain Martin Johnson taking charge of the team.
- 2009: Mark Hughes was sacked as manager of Manchester City. He was replaced by Roberto Mancini.
- 2010: Indian batter Sachin Tendulkar became the first man to reach 50 Test centuries, achieving the feat against South Africa at Centurion. 2010: Grand National
- winner Tony McCoy was voted the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year.
- 2015: Chelsea appointed Guus Hiddink as their new manager until the end of the season. following the departure of Jose Mourinho.
- 2019: Rob Burrow, who won eight Super League titles with Leeds and represented Great Britain and England, announced he had been diagnosed with **Motor Neurone** Disease at the age of
- 2021: US Open champion Emma Raducanu won the BBC Sports
 Personality of the Year award
- 2022: Steve Borthwick was named as new head coach of the England rugby union team on a five-year deal, with Kevin Sinfield being appointed as a defence coach.

CITY ARE AT THE WORLD

PEP Guardiola has called for change as the fixture burden on players continues increase.

The Manchester City manager was speaking in light of FIFA's decision to expand the Club World Cup to a 32-team tournament

from 2025. Guardiola insists he is not against the new event in principle – and City are already guaranteed a place – but he feels something has to give somewhere to ease the workload on players.

players.

The Spaniard told reporters at a press conference: "I am not against the new competitions.

"I am against the lack of time to recover from year to year. This is what I am complaining (about) all the time.

the time.

"For me it doesn't matter to play

By PAUL THOMAS

every three days, six days, seven

every three days, six days, seven days. It is OK.
"But it is really tough to finish the season and then in three weeks restart again and go to Asia, to be financially stable, or the States.
"That is really, really tough, for ourselves and especially for the players. For myself, things should change. This is my point.

Problem

"But how do you change when (after) you finish the season, you go to the States to play another competition?
"This is the problem."

Guardiola was speaking in Saudi Arabia, where Champions League winners City are preparing for this year's edition of the Club World Cup.

They faced Japanese side Urawa

Red Diamonds, the Asian champions, in their semi-final in Jeddah last

might.
"It's a pleasure to be here, it's an honour," said Guardiola.
"It's the first time Man City are here. That shows how difficult it is. We won't take it for granted. We take

We won't take it for granted. We take it as a privilege.

"Of course we want to win it. It is a trophy we don't have. We want to close a little circle, that we have won all the trophies we could do. This is the last one."

Midfielder Bernardo Silva admitted the schedule facing players

Midfielder Bernardo Silva admitted the schedule facing players at the top level was difficult but was not complaining. The Portuguese said: "We were not

consulted but we try to do our jobs, to represent our clubs the best possible way, and the people that pay our salaries and the fans that

support us.
"The reality is the amount of

games we have nowadays, and even more with the new competitions, if you look at it, it is a bit crazy because

you look at it, it is a bit crazy because of the rest that players get and the risk of injury is up quite a lot.

"At the end we cannot complain because we earn a lot of money but in my opinion, for the people that love the game, and are entertained by the game, if we have this many games for so long, at the end the games will lose the energy and the intensity." intensity.

Surrounded

City again seem likely to be without striker Erling Haaland, who has missed the last three games with a foot injury. Kevin De Bruyne and Jeremy Doku are also with the squad as they near returns to action but they are not expected to play. Meanwhile, Manchester City have been fined £120,000 after their players surrounded referee Simon

CUP IN SAUDI ARABIA



Hooper in the 94th minute of their 3-3 draw wzzith Tottenham earlier this month.

earlier this month.

Hooper made the contentious call to bring play back after he initially played advantage following Emerson Royal's mistimed challenge on Erling Haaland.

Haaland was able to get back to his feet and produce a through ball which sent Jack Grealish away, but Hooper blew his whistle to end their hopes of scoring a potential winner during that play against the Londoners.

Londoners.

It sparked an animated reaction from Man City's players with Norwegian Haaland in particular incensed along with manager Pep Guardiola on the touchline.

Haaland expressed his

frustration again at full-time

and later made

bemusement with a post on social-media site X.

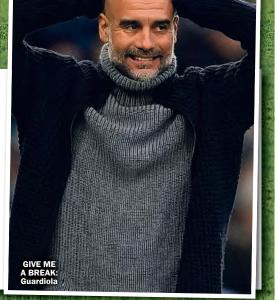
The Football Association has now fined City after they admitted their players behaved in an improper way.

Behave

"Manchester City FC have been fined £120,000 after their players surrounded a match official at the Premier League game against Tottenham on Sunday 3 December, an FA statement read.
"Manchester City FC admitted that they failed to ensure their

that they failed to ensure their players did not behave in an improper way during the 94th minute.

"An independent Regulatory Commission imposed this sanction following a hearing."





Poch vows to keep faith in his youngsters

MAURICIO Pochettino pledged to keep open a path to the Chelsea first

path to the Chelsea first team for academy graduates who prove themselves good enough. The manager has given debuts this season to six players aged 20 and under, including defender Levi Colwill who has become an England international after featuring in all but one of Pochettino's games in charge at Stamford

Bridge.
Alex Matos, the 19-year-old forward signed from Norwich in the summer, was an unused substitute during Saturday's 2-0 win against Sheffield United having made his Premier League debut in October

There have also been Chelsea bows for academy graduate Bashir Humphreys, 20, the 18-year-old Brazilian striker Deivid Washington, 19-year-old defender Diego Moreira and Mason Burstow, the 20-year-old forward signed from Charlton in 2022.

With a long injury list that continues to limit Pochettino's options, the depth of the first-team squad has been tested despite a colossal £1billion outlay on recruitment during the last

18 months.

The manager singled out Matos in particular for praise, and emphasised the need to keep young players at the club believing that their path to the senior team will not be blocked by established signings

"His (Matos) personality, his character is always so



ARRIVAL: Romeo Lavia



OUTH POLICY: Pochetting

focused," said Pochettino. "Of course he's talented with potential. He's really impressed me with his focus in everything. He's

so smart, watching always
so smart, watching always
everything, always smiling.
"To compete with the
first-team players is tough.
But he's really competitive, he's really strong. He'll kick you and smile at you. "It's nice to have this

type of profile. I'm happy with him. There's some massive talent in the academy in all the different teams.

"After four, five months we've had possibility to assess them all, and I assess them an, and it think we have many young, talented players that, with time and given the possibility, can reach the level of Chelsea." Pochettino is adamant

that youth development remains a pillar of his philosophy as he continues his rebuild of the west

London side.
"The challenge is also to "The channing is also to improve the young players that have arrived, like Romeo Lavia or Deivid Washington," he said. "But also the players coming through the

academy, we care a lot about that. We love the work that they are doing

there in the academy.
"The talent is there, now
we need to create the capacity. They need to believe that they can reach the first team. It's not only about signing young players. "It's about academy

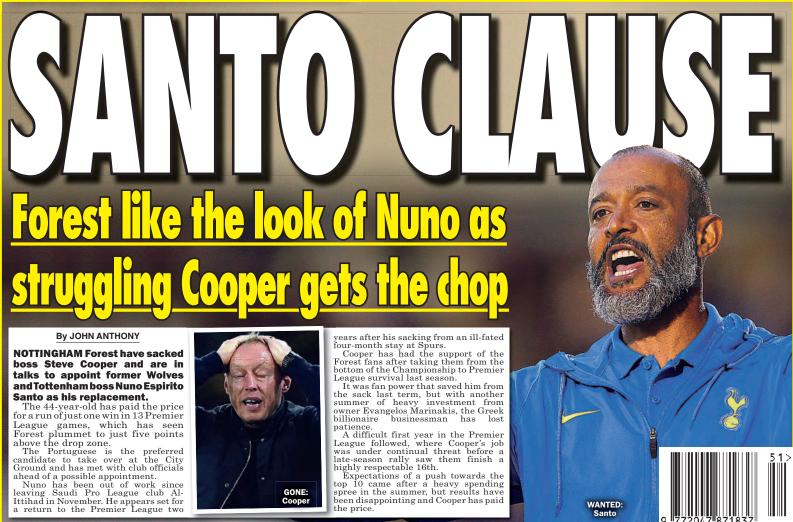
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